

1 **Claims:**

1 1. A method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module having a
3 textile face, the method comprising:
4 moving the module and a shear relative to each other to remove a peripheral portion of
5 he textile face.

1 2. A method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module comprising:
2 conveying the module in a first direction past at least one shear to remove a peripheral
3 portion of the module;
4 conveying the module in a direction orthogonal to the first direction, or in the same
5 direction after rotating the module, past at least one other treating head.

1 3. A flooring module usable with other like modules to provide a floor covering, the
2 module comprising:
3 an upper wear surface having a visible textile fiber face, of which a peripheral portion
4 of the face has been removed to create a different appearance from the other portion of the
5 face; and
6 a lower backing surface affixed to the upper wear surface.

1 4. The flooring module of claim 3, wherein the upper wear surface comprises a pile
2 carpet structure.

1 5. The flooring module of claim 3, wherein the upper wear surface comprises woven
2 textile fibers.

56c5/ 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the conveyor moves each the module edges past at
2 least one of the shears.

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A2 13. Floor covering, comprising a plurality of modules of textile fiber face material having
2 edges and having portions for the face near the edges different in appearance from the
3 remainder of the face as a result of removal of face material, the modules positioned with
4 abutting edges.
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